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TO: Each Supervisor
FROM:  Donald H. Blevins
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SUBJECT: HIGH PROFILE - GARDENA HIGH SCHOOL SHOOTING

This is to advise your Board, on 1/18/11 at 12:05 PM, a minor was arrested by LAPD Harbor Division for 245(A) PC (Assault with a Deadly Weapon). Minor stole a 9MM handgun from his stepfather. He took the gun to school and it discharged from the backpack which struck two (2) victims. One of the victims was struck in the head. The minor ran and attempted to blend in with the other students, however he was eventually apprehended. Minor is scheduled to appear in D245 on 1/21/11.

Further, on 1/18/11 at 2:15 PM, two (2) additional minors were arrested by LAPD Harbor Division for 32(F) PC (Accessory). Both minors gave false information to police officers that they received the backpack from one of the minors who was involved in the shooting. The backpack was passed to another male minor to hide the evidence from police. In addition, they gave the shooter his sweatshirt and some money to change his appearance to catch the bus out of Gardena High School. They admitted to aiding the shooter relative to his escape.

All three (3) minors are currently on Probation at Centinela Area Office. Two of the (2) minors are currently being housed at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall pending a court hearing in D245 on 1/21/11. One (1) minor was housed at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall (LPJH), but transported to Central Juvenile Hall this morning. He is scheduled to appear in Department 245 at LPJH on 1/21/11.

We will keep you apprised, as further information becomes available.

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